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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated September 14, 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in light of the following remarks.

Claims 15 and 17-21 stand rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Sunaga (US 6,381,233) in view of Amitay (US 3,735,266). Claim 16 stands rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Sunaga in view of Amitay and Ziv et al. (US 5,867,527).

The Applicant respectfully traverses based on the following points.

A feature of the present invention, as defined by independent claims 15 and 18-20, is to: (1) spread a known signal, (2) break down the spread known-signal to the same number of chips as the